GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:123
ANSWERED ON:27.10.2008
DRIP IRRIGATION SCHEME
Athawale Shri Ramdas;Gadhavi Shri Pushpdan Shambhudan

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is providing subsidy to farmers for implementation of the Drip Irrigation Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total area in the country including Gujarat which is irrigated through Drip Irrigation system, State-wise;

(d) the funds allotted to the States under the Drip Irrigation Scheme during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(e) whether only the big farmers are being benefited by this Scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 123 DUE FOR REPLY ON 27TH OCTOBER, 2008.

(a) to (f): Yes, Sir. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Micro Irrigation (MI), subsidy is provided for drip irrigation @50% of the total cost of the system out of which 40% is borne by the Central Government and 10% by the State Government. The assistance for drip system is limited to a maximum area of five hectares per beneficiary family and all categories of farmers are eligible including small and marginal farmers. All the crops except tea, coffee, rubber and oil palm are covered under the scheme.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Micro Irrigation the total area covered so far under drip irrigation in the country including Gujarat is 3.75 lakh hectares. The State wise details of area achieved under drip irrigation is given at Annexure-I.

The details of funds made available to the States under drip irrigation during the last three years and the current year are given at Annexure-II.

Though the scheme covers all categories of farmers, the States have been mandated to ensure that at least 25% of the beneficiaries are small and marginal farmers.